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To: Senate Health & Welfare Committee

Date: February 27, 2014

Re: S.236; An act relating to prescription refill synchronization

We support S.236; An act relating to prescription refill synchronization and urge the committee to pass this session.

Medication synchronization is increasingly being recognized as a tool that can improve adherence when patients are on a regular chronic medication regimen. The pharmacy can coordinate all of a patient's chronic prescription medications to be filled on the same date each month. This is done first by having the pharmacist perform a comprehensive review of the patient's medication regimen to determine the appropriateness of each therapy and the patient receives a personal call each month to review their medications prior to filling them to ensure no changes have been made and to confirm the patient is still taking the medication. This model improves adherence and provides a more coordinated level of care; resulting in healthier patients, and more effective delivery of care which can reduce overall costs to payers and the health care system.

Most recently, Connecticut has passed similar legislation which while relatively new is working well on behalf of the patient. Also Idaho is currently considering similar language and recommends as part of model language that the following amendment be included in S.236 to ensure there is no confusion going forward.

Amendment for S.236 An act relating to prescription refill synchronization:

(h) shall not use payment structures incorporation prorated dispensing fees determined by calculation of the days' supply of medication dispensed. Dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the total number of prescriptions dispensed.

We urge you to support S.236.

